

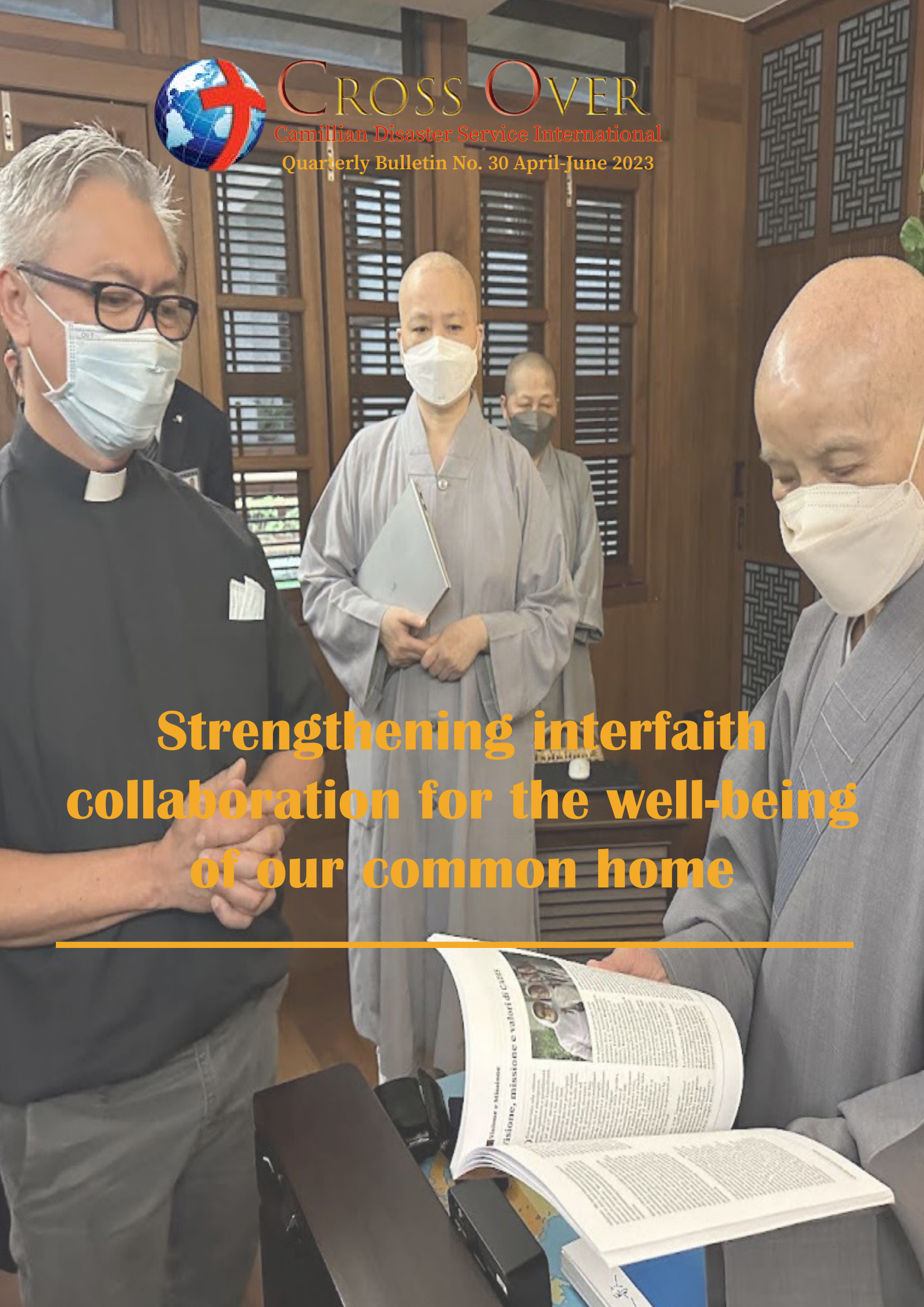


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CROSSOVER is the quarterly news bulletin of the Camillian Disaster Service International. The name **CROSSOVER** was inspired by the gospel of Mark (Mk. 4,35-41) when Jesus invited his disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake, and then a massive storm battered their boat that it almost sank. Fear had overshadowed them; Jesus rose from sleep and calmed the sea. St. Camillus himself had crossed over the confines of the hospitals when he learned about the plague-stricken people, and the victims of floods, war, and pestilence. The enormous strength and enduring compassion of the Camillians are displayed during these difficult historical moments.

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Shared vision for a sustainable future

In recent years, our planet has faced numerous challenges, from climate change and deforestation to the ongoing COVID-19 virus infection. These global issues have brought to light the interdependence of human health, animal welfare, and environmental well-being. Recognizing this interconnectedness, Pope Francis, through his encyclical *Laudato Si*, has emphasized the importance of adopting a holistic approach known as the ecological conversion, while the World Health Organization called it the “One Health” approach. Both approaches highlight their shared vision and the potential for a sustainable future.

Released in 2015, *Laudato Si*, “On Care for Our Common Home” is an encyclical by Pope Francis that addresses the environmental, social, and economic challenges facing humanity. It highlights the need for urgent action to protect the environment, mitigate climate change, and promote sustainable development. *Laudato Si* calls for a profound ecological conversion, urging individuals, communities, and governments to take responsibility for the care of our planet and the well-being of all its inhabitants.

In 2004, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) jointly organized the first International Conference on the Integrated Approach to the Health of People, Animals, and the Environment. This conference marked a pivotal moment in establishing the One Health approach as a global framework for addressing health challenges.

Central to both approaches is the recognition of the interconnectedness between the environment and human life. Pope Francis emphasizes that environmental degradation has severe consequences for human health, especially for marginalized communities who are disproportionately affected. The One Health Approach acknowledges that the health of people, animals, and ecosystems are closely interconnected and that their sustainability is vital for a prosperous future.

The core principles of the One Health approach align closely with the teachings of *Laudato Si*. Both emphasize the need to address the root causes of environmental degradation and recognize the profound impact of ecological imbalance on human health. By integrating knowledge and expertise from different sectors, the One Health approach seeks to find holistic solutions that promote the well-being of all species and safeguard the integrity of ecosystems. Thus, both share a common vision for a sustainable future. They advocate for a shift towards more sustainable and responsible practices that respect the intrinsic value of nature and ensure the well-being of all living beings. Both recognize the need for a cultural transformation that values ecological sustainability over unbridled consumerism and short-term economic gains.

The ecological conversion and the One Health approach promote the following perspectives: holistic, i.e., the interdependence of ecological systems and human health; environmental degradation and health impacts, i.e., by promoting sustainable practices and addressing environmental concerns, both approaches aim to prevent health risks and promote well-being; biodiversity conservation, i.e., by preserving biodiversity and ecosystems, both



ecological conversion and the One Health approach contribute to the overall well-being of the planet and its inhabitants; collaboration and integrated solutions, i.e., by fostering collaboration and integration, both approaches seek comprehensive solutions that consider the interconnectedness of ecological and human systems.

Laudato Si and the One Health approach offer complementary perspectives on the urgent need to address the interrelated challenges of environmental degradation, climate change, and public health. By embracing the principles of Laudato Si and integrating the One Health approach into our collective efforts, we can foster a sustainable future where the well-being of humans, animals, and the planet is mutually respected and protected. Moreover, ecological conversion and the One Health approach are intertwined in their shared recognition of the interdependence between ecological systems, human health, and the well-being of all species. By embracing both ecological conversion and the One Health approach, we can work towards a sustainable future that ensures the health and well-being of all living beings and the planet we call home.

As CADIS outlines its path toward an econ-resilient vulnerable community affected by disasters, everyone is invited to take seriously into consideration these two approaches in all our project interventions. Both are intrinsic and inseparable in any type of humanitarian initiative.



The new Central Commission of the Lay Camillian Family and the wish for collaboration with CADIS

In Sacrofano, Rome, the General Assembly was held for the renewal of the central commission of the Lay Camillian Family

From 2 to 6 May 2023, in Sacrofano (Rome) 40 participants attended the General Assembly of the Lay Camillian Family (LCF). The LCF members elected the new members of the Central Commission, for the next six years (2023-2029) as follows:

President: Anita Ennis (Ireland)
Vice-President: Giovanni Campo (Italy)
Secretary: Angela Mair (Austria)
Treasurer: Maria Linares (Colombia)

The Lay Camillian Family is a lay association born from the desire and commitment of lay people who, in different parts of the world, knowing St. Camillus, his charism and his spirituality, have strongly followed the evangelical way of the Lord's mercy towards the suffering, putting themselves in the School of Camillus. The LCF has been recognised by the 'Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life' as a 'proper work' of the Camillian Order since 2001.

During the second day of the assembly, CADIS International had the opportunity to present the activities of the Foundation, its vision and mission and, above all, its desire to continue to collaborate with the Lay Camillian Family in the territory. Already in the past, the two organizations have met in some emergency interventions. In Sierra Leone, Dr. Consuelo Santamaria Repiso, current member of the CADIS Board of Directors and LCF, and Anita Ennis, LCF President, took part in the emergency intervention to combat the Ebola pandemic.

The newly elected President Anita Ennis shared with us her thoughts and perspectives of the Lay Camillian Family and the Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS).

Your involvement with the LCF has lasted for over a decade. How did it begin and how has it evolved over the years?

First, being part of the Lay Camillian Family is my identity as a Camillian and it means everything to me.

From my experience growing up in Ireland and around the world, the Camillian religious have always had close links and partnerships with the laity since the time of St. Camillus.

The first Camillians arrived in Ireland in 1935 and settled in my village. The priests and brothers became known by their care and compassion to the sick. They cared the needy in their own homes, travelling by bicycle. This is one of my earliest memories, when I was just five or six years old.

They were responding to our political crisis in 1970 by inviting families from the north of our country affected by the conflict for a rest during summer. I was disappointed in not being invited as volunteer that year. I was promised to help the following year. The promise was kept and I, together with my friends, was invited to help the children with disabilities who came to spend a period of rehabilitation. One child in particular, only a few years younger than me, made a deep impression on me and left me with certainty as to what I wanted to be when I grew up- to become a nurse and care for the sick. This experience kept disturbing my heart and I pray that it will stay with me as long as I live. This activity was made possible with the cooperation of the Camillians and our lay community. This experience created a bond that remains alive today.

I know that this reflects the experience of all the countries where the Camillians are present.



This collaboration between the lay and the Camillian religious was formally recognised by the Order in 1989 (Fr. Angelo Brusco and Fr. Frank Monks). This led to a meeting in Collevalenza in 1992 and from there the Lay Camillian Family as we know it today developed. A commission was formed - lay and religious - and the first draft of the International Statutes was produced and shared with all the Camillian Families to receive opinions, comments and suggestions. Once completed, the Statutes were sent to the Vatican for recognition and approval.

In recent years, CADIS and LCF have had the opportunity to work together. What is your experience with CADIS?

In Ireland, lay Camillian co-workers were introduced to the idea of formalising our commitment to the Order in 1991-1992. I chose to formalise my commitment and follow Camillian spirituality to live my Christian values. When I graduated as a nurse, I wanted to work as a missionary. At that time, neither the Camillian Task Force nor CADIS existed, so I volunteered with an Irish non-governmental organisation, always remembering my Camillian roots.

The Camillian Task Force (CTF) developed around 1995, but in 2010 I had my first opportunity to work as a Camillian in response to the earthquake in Haiti and to meet and work alongside with the Lay Camillian Family of Haiti.

My work with the CTF continued in response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the drought in Kenya in 2011. This also gave me the opportunity to work alongside the Camillians and the Sisters of St. Camillus, where the involvement of the Great Camillian Family can be seen.

In 2013, I came to Calbayog, Philippines, where the Great Camillian Family responded to a hurricane.

In 2015, I came to Sierra Leone and met the other members of the Great Camillian Family responding to the Ebola outbreak. We collaborated with the Diocese of Makeni, as there was no Camillian presence in Sierra Leone. It was very important for all of us to follow the steps of St. Camillus in responding to the 'plagues during his time'.

With the birth of CADIS, I participated as a Board member for two consecutive terms.

Has the recent General Assembly given a new lease of life to the opportunities and commitments of the LCF?

Without a doubt, I can say that all of us who had the privilege of attending this assembly came back home renewed and refreshed by the personal experience with the LCF and to do all we can to attract new members.

We also pledge to deepen our collaboration with the Great Camillian Family and to open collaborations with other members of the Great Camillian Family who come to us.

The presentations of CADIS and Salute e Sviluppo at our General Assembly have paved the way to broaden and strengthen the commitment and desire for collaboration of the Lay Camillian Family. This collaboration is very important to us and allows us to return home looking to the future with hope. Together, with the intercession and blessing of St. Camillus, we can do even greater things.



Events and Opportunities

Enriching our journey in the humanitarian world through interfaith collaboration

CADIS Director on his visit to Taiwan met with interfaith partners to strengthen cooperation and create new opportunities

From May 11 to 13, 2023, the director of CADIS, Aris Miranda, MI visited CADIS Taiwan to discuss opportunities for a dynamic and strategic collaboration in the various projects and programs according to the new Strategic Plan 2023-28. Among the targets is to augment and enhance interfaith collaboration with international humanitarian faith-based organizations.

Interfaith collaboration refers to the cooperative efforts and engagement between individuals and communities representing different religious traditions or faiths. It fosters understanding, dialogue, and cooperation among people of diverse religious backgrounds to address common challenges, promote peace, and work towards shared goals. It recognizes that in our increasingly interconnected world, where people from different religious traditions often live side by side, it is crucial to build bridges of understanding and respect. It acknowledges that despite the differences in beliefs, rituals, and practices, there are shared values and aspirations among various religious communities that can serve as a foundation for collaboration and positive social change.

During that visit, CADIS met Dharma Drum Foundation, and Tzu Chi Foundation. The Dharma Drum Mountain Social Welfare and Charity Foundation is a Buddhist foundation committed to social care and relief efforts by providing home visits and care services for desperate families and disadvantaged groups and financial aid to needy students through domestic and overseas emergency relief programs. During the meeting with the President and his council in Taipei, CADIS presented a project concept note to assist the internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine due to the ongoing political crisis. DDM showed interest in the

idea and wished to see the full-blown proposal for review and consideration.

From Taipei, the CADIS team traveled to Hualien, the east coast county of Taiwan and the birthplace of the Tzu Chi Foundation. The visit took place at the Monastery in Hualien county, the main headquarter of the Foundation, on the eve of the birthday of the foundress Dharma Master Cheng Yen. It was a great honor to meet her in person and receive inspiring words of appreciation for our collaboration with them in our charity works in India (COVID-19), Poland (Ukrainian refugees) and Pakistan (flood survivors).

The meeting was graced by Master Cheng and the CEO Mr. Power Yen and all the vice CEOs of the Charity Foundation. It was a moment of renewal of our collaboration and a positive desire to continue to work together in responding to the sufferings and agonies of the most vulnerable.

The diversity of religious traditions and faiths is real riches and a great source of wisdom that the world offers to establish order and harmony in the human community. The ultimate goal of this collaboration is to create a platform for engagement, understanding, and cooperation to foster harmony, respect, and peaceful coexistence among individuals and communities of different faiths, leading to positive social transformation and a more inclusive society.



The CADIS journey continues with the screening of “The Letter” in Messina

The parish of Saint Camillus in Messina was the setting of the second screening of the movie with the important message shared by CADIS : it's time to act to stop climate change

On Saturday 27th May 2023, at the parish of Saint Camillus de Lellis in Messina, CADIS organised the screening of the film “The Letter”, inspired by Pope Francis’ Encyclical Laudato Si’. Thanks to the hospitality of the Camillian religious who welcomed our participation during their celebration of the 50th anniversary of the presence of the Camillians from southern Italy in Benin-Togo.

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote the encyclical letter Laudato Si’. This letter, in its effectiveness and complexity, also supported by scientific and statistical data, encourages us to understand how ‘everything is connected’. The way we treat the Earth, our common home, reflects the way we treat each other.

We experience this every day. Just think of the torrential rains that have hit Italy, particularly Emilia-Romagna, in recent weeks. It is not simply caused by a ‘bad weather’ phenomenon but by climate change.

The Letter tells Pope Francis’ exclusive dialogue with the four voices of the Earth: the voice of the youth, the voice of the poor, the voice of the indigenous peoples and the voice of science.

The meeting of CADIS with the Messina community, thanks to the facilitation of Fr. Hubert Goudjinou, MI, parish administrator of the St Camillus community in Messina, who led the organisation of the event, was an opportunity to make known our activities and ongoing projects.

The screening of the film was preceded by the Eucharistic celebration for the 50th anniversary of the presence of the Camillians from southern Italy in Benin-Togo, presided by Fr. Piero Petrosillo, one of the first Camillian missionaries in Africa.

After Mass, dozens of faithful stayed for the CADIS event. Our presence in Messina was also a moment to personally thank the parish community which, during the very first phase of emergency in Ukraine due to the outbreak of war, responded promptly by organising a fundraising for the CADIS project in Poland.

On Sunday 28 May, on the occasion of the Pentecost, we participated in the mass presided by Bishop Paolo Urso, Bishop Emeritus of Ragusa. Among those present were Fr. Piero Petrosillo and Fr. Paolo Calderaro, former missionaries in Benin, the community Superior Fr. Vincenzo Li Calsi, with the confreres of the entire Camillian community, Bro. Marius, a surgeon, and the Provincial Superior Bro. Carlo Mangione.

CADIS has always worked for the resilience of vulnerable communities. CADIS, in fact, envisions the fullness of life in an econ-resilient community, that is, a community which achieved the fullness of resilience and ecological conversion (Ecological+ CONversion).

Indeed, it is only when a vulnerable disaster-stricken community is engaged in the process of ecological conversion and resilience-building that an integral well-being will develop in which no natural disaster can overwhelm its ability to withstand adversity.

But why is ecological conversion, strongly encouraged by Pope Francis, so important in countering climate change? The ‘revolution’ of this conversion lies in a radical change in our lifestyle, starting with small everyday actions. We have to start thinking about everything we do and own that is superfluous, get rid of the ‘desire’ for things, especially material things, and understand what we really need.



The clear message is: we must act now! There is no more time to lose if we want to stop climate change and save our common home and future generations. The change must start now and it must start with each and every one of us.

What can we do concretely? By organising more screenings of the film to involve as many people as possible and raising awareness, especially among young people. We can rethink and change our lifestyles, trying to adopt small daily measures that, all together, can create a positive impact on the environment.

We can also register on the Laudato Si' Initiatives Platform (LSAP) to search for the action group closest to us and take part in the initiatives. (<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/register/>)

CADIS' journey to share the film *The Letter* will continue in the coming months in other cities in Italy, to involve more people in response to the ongoing climate crisis.



The second year of implementation of the CADIS project in the Philippines for the resilience of Aeta indigenous communities

The report on activities implemented, objectives achieved, difficulties and challenges in the areas inhabited by the Aeta population

Rural poverty as multi-dimensional is a complex development challenge that requires integrated intervention. The project “Developing the Capacities of Tribal Indigenous Communities towards Poverty Reduction Philippines” intends to approach this situation from health and agri-enterprise development as a jump-off point towards addressing the structural causes of poverty and marginalization among the Aeta indigenous communities.

The Camillian Disaster Service (CADIS) International and Health and Development for All Foundation (HADFAFI) both hold the vision of fullness of life in resilient communities for these people. The process aims at accompanying the indigenous peoples over the long term, towards the vision.

Health services are the strength of HADFAFI and the main mandate over its years of operation. Health situation of both the Aetas in the upland and both Aetas and non-Aetas in the lowlands is the major concern of the project.

The Provincial Health Office provided the technical inputs and capacity building. The training capacitated not only the staff but also the barangay health workers that HADFAFI had trained and worked with in the previous years. These women assisted in the health monitoring of the barangays (villages).

An interesting development is that while they are doing the health monitoring in the areas assigned, their children helped them in recording the data to be submitted to HADFAFI.

Many activities were implemented during the second year in partnership with the Provincial Office of Tarlac such as:

1. Training on Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC)

In July 22, 2022, HADFAFI conducted training about Operation Timbang and Measurement of Mid-upper Arm circumference to 3 areas composed of 4 people from Sitio Settler, 8 from Sitio Duray and 8 from Sitio Tambo. A

total of 20 participants. The purpose of the program is to build their capacity in line with Operation Timbang and Measurement of MID-UPPER ARM circumference.

2. Basic Training for Community Health Volunteers on Nutrition

In July 25-29, 2022, 21 - Barangay Health Workers got training on how to get proper height and weight of a child.

3. Medical Mission in Sitio Tambo

In November 29, 2022 the group of PHO Tarlac headed by Dra. Janette Lazatin conducted a medical mission in Sitio Tambo with HADFAFI and RHU Capas staff providing free consultation, medical prescription and RUTF for malnourished children. Covid-19 vaccines (1st and 2nd dose) and booster shot were provided. The total number of beneficiaries for this medical mission is 59.

4. Medical Mission in Sitio Alunan and Sitio Pilien

In February 2-3, 2023, Dra. Janette Lazatin conducted a medical mission at Sitio Alunan with HADFAFI, PHO, PBSP, PDRMC, and RHU Capas staff at the Barangay Health Center of Sta. Juliana. Free consultation was provided regarding routine immunization, family planning, DRRMH, nutrition, medical check-up, national TB program and maternal & child health. The medical mission has benefited 683 inhabitants of Alunan and 277 in Pilien.

5. Provision of Free Medicines in Sta. Juliana

In partnership with the health center of Brgy. Sta Juliana Capas, a total of 325 beneficiaries from different sitios of Brgy. Sta Juliana Capas, Tarlac from the year 2022 up to the first quarter of 2023 received medical assistance.

In January 23-27, 2023, HADFAFI conducted a Parent Functional Literacy (PFL) training. Ten Aetas (3 - Sitio Settler, 3 - Sitio Duray and 4 - Sitio Tambo) participants were trained on PFL and were provided with advance





training on Training of Trainors on Functional Health Literacy Program.

In March 2023, in response to the lack of toilet facilities in the locality, HADFAI provided complete materials for the construction of latrines. This program is particularly important in order to reduce the risk of infection in the community.

6. Capacity Development for climate change resilient agriculture

In January 26-27, 2023 a training for 20 beneficiaries on mushroom cultivation was conducted. Mushrooms are easy to cultivate. They are highly nutritious which provide proteins, vitamins and minerals.

In February 4-5, 2023, a 2-day training was conducted by 2 Aeta trainers from Botolan Zambales attended by 30 participants.

7. Capacity development for livestock production

HADFAI conducted several monitoring in different areas to ensure that the carabao, a domestic water buffalo of the Philippines, are in good condition and helping farmers in the cultivation of crops like potatoes, rice, etc.

8. Food security training

From August to December 2022 a series of training on backyard gardening and food preservation was conducted with planting demonstration. A total of 105 beneficiaries received seeds and they are now able to continue the planting and harvesting of fruits and vegetables.

9. Construction of a water catchment system in Sitio Pisapungan

10. Agri-products market chain development

In July 2022, the community grocery store was restored using project funds. They hired two students who live in the dormitory of HADFAI facility receiving a monthly honorarium. The aim of the store is to help the Aeta beneficiaries exchange their agri products into groceries.

11. Provision of garden and farming tools

HADFAI has purchased and distributed quality and affordable tools to 87 farmers. They also received a set of tools for rental to the community members.

12. Education, information and communications for cultural sensitivity and socio-cultural inclusion

32 students from different Aeta communities were given tutorial sessions on reading, writing and counting skills. Since August 2022, the 9 Aeta children have been temporarily housed in the HADFAI shelter because their homes are too far from the Sta. Juliana high school received the tutorials assisted in their homework.

13. Leadership Training

In March 4-8, 2023, a total of 12 young participants received leadership training to prepare and hone them as future community leaders. At the beginning, they were very shy to participate in the activities. However, thanks to the facilitators they become more confident.



CADIS Kenya renews the board of governance with an eye on the persistent drought in the country

Organizational updates from Kenya and an overview on the ongoing projects to face the climate change

Organizational Growth

CADIS Kenya, a Non-Governmental Organization registered under the Non-Governmental Coordination Board continues to grow internally even as we continue responding to various disasters in the country. Since its registration in 2019, CADIS Kenya has been an arm of the Camillians to exercise the charism of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm. In the first quarter of the year 2023, CADIS Kenya through a constitutional process, changed the directors of the Board of governance.

CADIS Kenya wishes to thank most sincerely the former board of Directors led by the former Board Chairperson who is also the former Provincial Delegate Superior of the Camillians in Kenya, Fr. Dominic Mwanzia, Bro. Joseph Khiyaniri, Fr. Francis Maina, Fr. Reuben Njagi, Fr. David Opondo, Sr. Nancy Munene, and Mrs. Mary Kennedy. They were committed to ensure that CADIS Kenya was registered as a Non-Governmental Organization following all the right procedures until the process was completed.

CADIS Kenya is welcoming the new Board of Directors led by the Board Chairperson who is also the Provincial Delegate Superior of the Camillians in Kenya Fr. John Njiru, Fr. Francis Maina, Fr. Denis Atandi, Bro. Bonaventure Muswi, Sr. Nancy Kibuchi, Mrs. Angelline Mbula, Fr. Reuben Njagi, and Fr. David Opondo. The new team of Directors is committed to ensure that CADIS KENYA grows and achieves its goal. The term for the Board members is three years.

Drought situation in Kenya

The first semester of the year 2023 has been a difficult one in Kenya. Having concluded a general election that was with utmost tension and following a prolonged lack of rainfall for a long period of time, Kenyans were experiencing harsh and hard times. However, the short rainfall season of March to May, occasioned a positive impact on livelihood across most parts of arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) counties of Kenya. Despite the short rains across the country, the food security situation is yet to improve and the cases of acute malnutrition still remain especially in the ASAL counties. According to the National Monthly Drought Update of May 2023, from the range of indicators monitored, three counties of Wajir, Taita Taveta and Lamu remain in alert drought phase while 7 counties and among them Baringo and Garissa remain in drought phase.

To the interest of CADIS Kenya were the poor people of North-Eastern parts of the country, specifically Wajir county, the poor people in the informal settlement slums and Baringo county. Baringo county has been suffering from subsequent bandits' attacks leaving many people dead. CADIS Kenya in partnership with Missione Calcutta Onlus completed a humanitarian General Food Distribution in Quarry Slums and Wajir County in the beginning of the Year. Thanks to the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations, there is a hope for more collaboration in the future. The Baringo Long-term project continues amidst the Bandit attacks around some parts of the County.



General Food Distribution Project

With collaboration with Camillian Sisters, Camillian Religious and the local church, CADIS Kenya implemented a General Food Distribution in Quarry Slums of Kajiado County and Wajir County. This project was funded by Missione Calcutta Onlus. In this project, 500 poor households of Wajir and 100 poor households of Quarry slums were fed with 8 kgs of rice, 8 kgs of beans and 1 kg of cooking oil per household.

The beneficiaries who were mostly breastfeeding mothers, the aged and the sick appreciated the help granted to them and made a special request for a long term sustainability project for their livelihood. Water and food is still a big problem in Wajir. Most



families are living without food and water. Despite the area recording a small amount of rainfall, much intervention in the area is required.

Baringo Project Updates

The resilience program in Baringo County titled: Building Community Resilience and Sustainability, Enhancing Food Security through Climate Smart Agriculture in Baringo County is an ongoing project in Salabani Location.

This project began in 2021 and is expected to last for 3 years. The overall goal of the project was to enhance poverty reduction and build community resilience through Improving food security and responding to climate change in Baringo County.

The project has uplifted the lives of the locals through equipping the local farmers with knowledge and skills on climate smart agricultural technology, improving crop productivity through enhancing accessibility to sustainable water supply for irrigation and supporting the participation of local farmers in undertaking farming activities through the provision of farm inputs and on farm agricultural services.

The Project is being carried out in Baringo South sub-county. The specific project site is Ilchamus, Salabani location. The targeted beneficiaries are among thousands who were displaced by Lake Baringo in 2020 after the water level of the lake rose. Climate change has been pointed as contributing to the problem. The project targets 7 villages of Salabani location which has approximately 3000 households. Currently, the farmers have been equipped with the skills and are practicing Climate Smart Agriculture even in their homes. This year farmers were able to harvest vegetables, manage, kales, tomatoes, maize and watermelon. Currently farmers are preparing the land for another season of planting.

We wish to thank all our collaborators, all beneficiaries, our donors and CADIS central office for their continued support and mentorship.



Looking into the world, being a part of CADIS: 'One Health' a new practice to believe in and practice for an unknown tomorrow

Fr. Siby Kaitharan MI

A balanced, optimal approach to the health of people, animals, and the environment is known as "One Health." The prevention, prediction, detection, and response to threats to the world of health, like the COVID-19 pandemic, are extremely crucial.

The strategy mobilizes numerous sectors, disciplines, and communities at various societal levels to collaborate. This leads to the development of fresh and improved concepts that tackle the underlying problems and produce long-lasting, viable solutions.

Public health, veterinary, public health, and environmental sectors are all part of one health. The One Health concept is especially important for managing pollution, controlling zoonoses (diseases that can transfer from animals to humans, like the flu, rabies, and Rift Valley fever), and ensuring food and water safety, combating antimicrobial resistance, and pollution control (the growth of bacteria resistant to antibiotic therapy).

The effects of COVID-19, which cost the world economy trillions of dollars and millions of deaths, must be avoided going forward. As stated in the WHO declaration for optimal recovery from COVID-19, the advent of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has highlighted the need to improve the One Health approach and emphasize linkages to the environment. The availability and accessibility of medications and access to clean air and water, safe food, and sustainable diets all support human health, a cornerstone of global health security.

We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve cross-sectoral collaboration as we come together as individuals in the wake of this global pandemic, increase coordination of policies and cohesiveness supported by a more methodical use of robust scientific evidence, and promote the establishment of combined indicators and security measures for tackling upstream drivers of disease with a focus on prevention. These initiatives will assist in creating more resilient and fair systems, ecosystems, economies, and society in addition to preventing future pandemics.

Joint responses to health concerns should be implemented by government representatives, researchers, and employees from various sectors at the local, national, regional, and international levels. This entails creating shared databases and surveillance systems across many industries and developing fresh approaches that deal with the underlying issues and connections between risks and impacts. Community participation is also essential to enhance the early detection and containment of disease threats and promote risk-reducing behaviors and attitudes.

WHO established the One Health Initiative to coordinate efforts on human, animal, and environmental health across the Organisation. In addition, as part of the One Health Quadripartite, WHO collaborates with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

What CADIS envisions is the fullness of life in an eCon-resilient community. The mission is believed that through compassionate, knowledgeable, and well-coordinated interventions, we encourage and inspire the establishment of community-based integrated health programs for the well-being of disaster-stricken communities, grounded in the love and mercy of Jesus, with St. Camillus in our hearts.

At CADIS, we have avoided using paper in meetings and gatherings as we firmly voiced our concern about using paper and concluded to use less paper and recycle it for future use. Another thing opted for was to use stairs rather than elevators, one way to reduce carbon emissions and start the habit of healthy living in all age groups.

The four main values of CADIS—compassion, competence, human rights, and commitment—also serve as the foundation for its policies and operations. These are listed below:





Compassion: Based on empathy, respect, and dignity, how care is provided. Therefore, how others perceive our compassion as thoughtful kindness is crucial to how they view our care. No of our class, gender, age, culture, or religion, helping those in need and developing the capacity of the most vulnerable is our noblest calling. The core of all we do is great care.

Through its organizational goals and objectives, CADIS seeks to carry out its mission of reinventing and re-creating the original vision of St. Camillus of a Camillians who is aware of the new opportunities and challenges of the modern times, willing to live in creative fidelity to his prophetic vocation, and preferential choice to serve the poorest of the poor affected by disasters.

Competence: A dedication to upholding high standards of conduct and applying them. Through strategic planning, review, and assessment, we continually push ourselves to increase effectiveness and efficiency. To alter our partner communities and ourselves, we apply our knowledge and abilities, as well as the right methodologies and technology. Our procedures are defined by ongoing creativity towards excellence in caring and service. In other words, our goal is to have a capable heart.

Being the Director of an organization called Snehasadan, my kids show their pledge to save the environment by planting trees on their birthdays and special occasions. They were taught to reduce carbon waste by clearing their emails, removing the used refrigerator, etc. They are taught to nurture the environment, animals, and people around it.

Commitment: A strong conviction and ongoing desire for the welfare of others, especially the most vulnerable, manifested through a specific course of action. We are dedicated to collaborating and forming alliances with all parties involved, actively listening to promote discussions and reach compromises, and forming solid teams to give others more power. We are dedicated to uniting individuals, groups, and institutions sharing

information, expertise, and resources to collaborate and make the biggest impact possible. Efficient cooperation, professional relationships, and mutually beneficial relationships depend on efficient communication.

Respect for Human Rights: The core of who we are and what we do is respect for human dignity. Everybody has unalienable rights that are based on fairness. As a result, everyone has the right to life, quality services, and overall well-being, unencumbered by need, fear, or risk factors. In the first year of the execution of this Plan, the CADIS Foundation shall plan and implement four main programs to serve as a roadmap for all CADIS Participants' operations, in addition to carrying out the unique community-based projects in each nation where CADIS work. There are four of them: Volunteer Management Program (VMP), Partnership Development Program (PDP), Resource Mobilization Program (RMP), and Capacity Development Program (CDP).

Program for Volunteer Management (VMP)

People who willingly offer to take part in a project or assignment without expecting payment for their work are called volunteers. In the past, CADIS has collaborated closely with volunteers (religious, clergy, laypeople) from several nations. These volunteers give CADIS access to various talents and knowledge necessary for disaster relief operations but are not otherwise available or built into the CADIS organization. However, CADIS has never put in place a program that methodically handles the volunteers, from recruitment to formation to deployment to post-deployment (e.g., retrieving lessons learned).

Programme for Resource Mobilisation (RMP)

Unquestionably, it will take a lot more resources (financial, human, and material resources) to progress its purpose by strengthening its relief operations and moving into the resiliency phase of catastrophe work. The continued operation of CADIS will be largely dependent on resource recruitment. The need for CADIS Participants to develop their skills and learn how to raise money both domestically (from within their own countries) and internationally



is critical, despite the fact that CADIS International has already solidified its competency in resource mobilization for emergency disasters.

The Partnership Development Programme (PDP)

The common processes for locating, approving, starting, and managing profitable partnerships with other businesses, both public and private. After being selected, the Team will have six months to finish the rules and submit them for the Board of Trustees' approval.

Program for Capacity Development (CDP)

The capacity development program, also known as capacity building, focuses on two aspects: developing the soft skills of volunteers who are expected to have technical skills but may require additional training in people skills. Volunteers include priests, religious, and lay people who work for CADIS. The CADIS Foundation must put together a team to create the CADIS Capacity Development Plan for clergy, religious, and lay volunteers during the first year of the Strategic Plan's implementation. The Programme must be executed globally once it has been approved.

CADIS has defined its goal as anything to do with significant disturbances to a community's ability to function beyond what the community can manage with its current resources. These elements affect a community's exposure and susceptibility, including natural, man-made, technical, and others. CADIS has the authority and responsibility to support and carry out community-based projects with the goals of relieving people of their suffering (relief), assisting communities in regaining their strength and/or physical, spiritual, and ecological health (recovery), enhancing communities' resilience, and gaining public support for or advocating for a cause (rights' advocacy). Even though it is vital to evacuate people in a disaster, it is increasingly crucial to have initiatives that aim to increase community capacity for monitoring, setting up early warning systems, mitigating risks, being ready for emergencies, and responding, as well as increasing people's ability to understand their rights, demand that they be respected, and take responsibility.

A sustainable balance and optimization of the health of people, animals, and ecosystems are the goals of the integrated, unifying approach known as "One Health." It acknowledges the interdependence and intimate connections between people's health, wild and domesticated creatures, plants, and the larger environment (including ecosystems). Collaboration across sectors and disciplines helps protect health, address health challenges like the growth of transmissible illnesses, antimicrobial resistance, and food safety, and promote the well-being and sustainability of our ecosystems. Health, food, water, energy, and the environment are all broad topics with sector-specific concerns. One Health may cover the complete spectrum of disease control - from prevention to detection, readiness, response, and management - while contributing to global health security by tying people, animals, and the environment together.

The strategy depends on shared and efficient governance, communication, collaboration, and coordination, and it can be used at community, subnational, national, regional, and global levels. People can more easily appreciate the co-benefits, risks, trade-offs, and possibilities to create equitable and comprehensive solutions when the One Health approach is in place.

The Quadripartite supports multi-sectoral strategies to lessen health risks at the interface between humans, animals, and ecosystems. The Quadripartite One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH-JPA) outlines the changes needed to avoid and lessen the effects of current and upcoming global, regional, and national health concerns.

To provide One Health-related advice to FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WOA, the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) was established in May 2021. In order to prevent the spread of diseases like H5N1 avian influenza, MERS, Ebola, Zika, and possibly COVID-19, this includes making proposals for inquiry into the dangers posed by emerging diseases. It also calls for the creation of an extensive global response plan.

The panel will also look into how disease concerns are caused by human activity's effects on the environment and wildlife habitats. Food production and distribution, urbanization, infrastructure development, international trade, biodiversity loss, and climate change-related activities, increased pressure on the natural resource base - all of these factors can contribute to the emergence of zoonotic diseases - are critical areas.

By doing intersectoral political and strategic direction, implementing responses, and scaling up country support, which includes research and policy assessment, strengthening country capacities, and monitoring of risks and readiness for early identification and reaction to emerging pathogens, WHO and partner organizations are working to boost the implementation of the "One Health" strategy in national, regional, and international health policies. CADIS, through its reformulated strategic plan, aims at building an ecologically converted and resilient community where we meet the core idea of ONE HEALTH APPROACH as promoted by the WHO.



The Camillian Martyrs of Charity responding to the climate crisis and journeying with climate refugees in diaspora

The messages of CADIS President and the Superior General on the 29th year of commemoration of the Camillian Martyrs of Charity

On May 25, we celebrated the commemoration of the Camillian Martyrs of Charity, stimulating reflection, gratitude and inspiration in honouring the memory of the extraordinary individuals who sacrificed their lives in the service of others. On the same day, we also remember the birthday of St Camillus de Lellis.

In commemorating this day, CADIS President Bro. Jose Ignacio Santaolalla Sáez invited each of us to *“to remember and create a connection with our past and make it alive today as we confront the impact of climate change, especially among the most vulnerable population. This is an essential aspect of our prophetic heritage. We want to celebrate by highlighting the values of commitment, solidarity, self-denial, generosity, and option for the poor. We don’t want to be different but to become radicals by making a difference in the lives of climate refugees. We want to imitate the martyrs of charity by espousing and embracing their desire, enthusiasm, and courage in encountering the survivors of climate disasters.”*

The ongoing climate crisis is a public concern that deserves highest attention and priority. *“The escalating impacts of climate change have given rise to a new category of displaced individuals known as climate refugees. These are people who are forced to flee their homes due to environmental degradation, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and other climate-related factors”*, as enunciated by CADIS President. According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC report), as of 31 December 2021, there are 5.9 million internally displaced people as a result of disasters in 84 countries.

Among the top 25 countries, 6 of them are found where the Camillian missions are present, namely, the Philippines, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil, and Haiti.

The Catholic Church, with its longstanding commitment to social justice and solidarity, has recognized the urgency of addressing the needs of climate refugees and has taken significant steps to respond to this humanitarian crisis.



The Camillians, in particular, have a track record of delivering humanitarian support and building the resilience of people displaced by natural disasters but aggravated by human-made disasters in Poland (Ukrainian refugees), Burkina Faso (Malian refugees and the internal refugees of the Northeast Burkina), Kenya (Somalian refugees) and the Philippines (Aeta indigenous people) through the Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS) Foundation.

Climate refugees are individuals who are compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge elsewhere due to the direct or indirect consequences of climate change. They face a range of challenges, including loss of land, scarcity of resources, food insecurity, water stress, and the threat of natural disasters.

Recognizing the need for systemic change, the Church has been actively engaging in advocacy efforts at national and international levels. The Church uses its moral authority to call for stronger climate policies, increased support for adaptation and mitigation measures, and the protection of the rights and dignity of climate refugees. The Church has written a lot of reflection, guidelines and best practices of taking care of climate displaced persons (CDP). (cf. <https://migrants-refugees.va/climate-displaced-people/>).

CADIS supports the advocacy of the Church by enrolling in the Laudato Si Action Platform, a journey towards total sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology.

The Superior General of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians), Fr. Pedro Tramontin, joins in the reflection with a message from the Order's general consulta, recalling that *"St. Camillus, through his life of devotion and selflessness, exemplified the virtues of love, compassion, and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to the sick and suffering has left an indelible mark on our Order, inspiring generations of Camillians to follow in his footsteps. Today, we not only celebrate his birth but also pay tribute to the Camillian martyrs who have offered the ultimate sacrifice in living out the Gospel values of mercy and healing."*

The Camillian martyrs, through their witness of faith, have shown us the true meaning of discipleship and the immense courage it takes to stand up for justice, even in the face of great adversity. Their lives remind us that the call to serve the most vulnerable often demands great personal sacrifice and that our commitment to the mission of our Order should never waver.

Remembering the Day of Camillian Martyrs of Charity holds great importance and significance for us Camillians. It is a solemn occasion that calls us to reflect on the lives and sacrifices of those who have laid down their lives in service to others, following in the footsteps of Christ."



"By remembering the Day of Camillian Martyrs, we are reminded of the price that has been paid for our mission and charism. It serves as a source of inspiration, renewal, and rededication for us as Camillians, motivating us to continue our work with renewed vigour and passion."

As we commemorate this special day, let us draw strength and inspiration from the lives of St. Camillus and the Camillian martyrs. Let us renew our commitment to their mission, embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie before us. May their example ignite within us a renewed passion for service and a deep desire to alleviate the suffering of those in need."



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